



8/21/00  
9-21-00

Express Mail No.: EL 451 595 066 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Duffy et al.

Application No.: 09/379,212

Filed: August 23, 1999

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR POWER CONNECTION  
IN A MODULAR PATIENT  
CARE SYSTEM**

Group Art Unit: 3711

Examiner: Mendez, M.

Attorney Docket No.: 8236-053-999

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2000 in the above-cited case.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 19 as follows:

*3/10/00 19*  
19. A modular patient care system, comprising:  
a plurality of modules including a first module and a second module, said second module comprising a first portion grippable by a user, said second module being configured and dimensioned so as to be capable of being held by a single hand of the user by gripping said first portion;

RECEIVED  
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM  
SEP 20 2000